



Hanson Pipe & Precast

174 All Hallows Rd  
P.O. Box 307  
Wauregan, CT 06387  
Phone: 860.564.9000  
Fax: 860.564.9008

#### TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION OF RAISED BILL NO. 6739

My name is Dean Logee with Hanson Pipe & Precast as well as UCAC, a group made up of Utility and Site Contractors in Connecticut. Hanson's manufacturing facility is in the Wauregan section of the Town of Plainfield.

I am here to express opposition to Raised Bill No. 6739. It appears that this legislation will force engineers to accept material that they feel is not appropriate for the projects they are designing. Professional Engineers are required to have ERRORS and OMISSION INSURANCE. Engineers are held liable for their design forever. It is not right to force an engineer to make choices they are not comfortable with and live with the choice forever. Please, leave these choices to the professionals.

This Bill definitely puts manufacturing jobs, in this State, at risk. The two remaining Reinforced Concrete Pipe manufacturers employ around 200 employees. These workers pay taxes and spend their wages in Connecticut. The companies also pay taxes to the State. They purchase materials and supplies in Connecticut.

The Bill definitely enhances the competitive position of out of State companies that manufacture their products out of state and pay little or no taxes in Connecticut. Is it fair to displace Connecticut jobs in favor of an out of state company?

Part of this Bill assigns a service life design of 75 years for storm drains and cross drains. Currently, the Army Corp of Engineers recognizes the service life design of Reinforced Concrete Pipe to be up to 100 years and some flexible pipe to be no more than 50 years. I am concerned that this Bill will legislatively change industry standards set by the experts at the Army Corp of Engineers.

Is the legislature aware that if HDPE is allowed to be used as an "or equal" that increased engineering expense will be incurred if ASHTO Section 30 is followed? This calls for the design engineer to be intimately involved in designing the installation of flexible pipe. Also, in order to insure the proper "Structure Creation" is created by the "Low Bidder" there has to be increased inspection. Has this cost been accounted for? Testimony today has said the State does not have enough engineers and inspectors. This Bill will only add to the number of new workers needed to design and inspect this work.